# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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FACTORIES POLLUTING GANGA
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of factories in the country which are polluting river Ganga, State-wise;

(b) the kind of affluents being discharged by these factories into river Ganga;

(c) the reasons for not making Ganga river pollution free so far; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS [SHRI T.R. BAALU]

(a) & (b) Out of a total of 187 industrial units identified for discharging their effluent in the river Ganga, 112 have provided effluent treatment plant, 31 are closed and 44 units are defaulters. The State-wise position of the defaulting units is as under :-

| Sl. No. | Name of the States | No. of Industrial Units |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bihar | 00 |
| 2. | Uttar Pradesh | 43 |
| 3. | West Bengal | 01 |
| | Total | 44 |

The effluent emanating from the industrial units such as tanneries, sugar, distilleries, pulp and papers and textiles etc. is comprising of high Biological Oxygen Demand [BOD], Chemical Oxygen Demand [COD], Suspended Solids and Colour.

(c) The reasons noticed by the Government for slow implementation of Ganga Action Plan are:-

- Lack of experience with the State implementing agencies, delay in land acquisition, litigations and Court cases, contractual disputes and diversion of funds by the State Governments.

- Poor operation and maintenance of the assets created under the Ganga Action Plan Phase-I.

- Erratic and poor availability of electricity for operation assets like pumping stations, sewage treatment plants and electric crematoria.

(d) The steps taken by the Government for the implementation of Ganga Action Plan are:-

- State Governments have been asked to take advance action for land acquisition wherever applicable after which only the related schemes are approved. Release of central grants and its utilization by the State Governments is monitored more vigorously to minimize instances of diversion of funds.

- The State Governments have been asked to ensure continuous supply of electricity for assets through dedicated feeders wherever required.